GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:501
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2002
BRANCH POST OFFICES
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;JASKAUR MEENA;Y.G. MAHAJAN;YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for opening of post offices in rural, tribal and backward areas; and

(b) the number of branch offices opened and upgraded in the country during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, State-wise particularly in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) the criteria laid down for opening of post offices in rural, tribunal, desert and inaccessible areas are given in Annexure-A. There in no separate category of Backward areas.

(b) the number of branch offices opened and upgraded in the country during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, State-wise including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern States is given in Annexure-B.

ANNEXURE-A

NORMS FOR OPENING POST OFFICES:

1. Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices:

1.1 Population :

(a) In Normal Areas:

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO village)

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 Distance :

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 331/3% of the cost.

(c) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost of post office.

2. Criteria for upgrading/opening Departmental Sub Post Offices:

(a) In Rural Areas:

The minimum work-load of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs.2400/- in Normal rural areas and Rs.4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

ANNUXURE-B

Branch Offices opened and upgraded during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003

Sl. No.	Circle	Number of Branch Offices opened 2001-2002	Number of Branch Offices opened 2002-2003 (As on 30-6-2002)	Number of Branch Offices Upgraded 2001-2002	Number of Branch Offices Upgraded 2002-2003 (As on 30-6-2002)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	-	-	-
2.	Assam	35	-	2	-
3.	Bihar	38	-	-	-
4.	Chhattisgarh	25	-	1	-
5.	Delhi	2	-	-	-
6.	Gujarat	18	-	2	-
7	Haryana	-	-	1	-
8.	Himachal	5	-	-	-
9.	J & K	13	-	-	-
10.	Jharkhand	-	-	1	-
11.	Karnataka	13	-	1	-
12.	Kerala	2	-	-	-
13.	M.P.	21	-	-	-
14.	Maharashtra	65	-	3	-
15.	North East:				
	Arunachal	1	-	1	-
	Manipur	-	-	-	-
	Meghalaya	5	-	1	-
	Mizoram	4	-	-	-
	Nagaland	2	-	-	-
	Tripura	-	-	-	-
16.	Orissa	14	-	1	-
17.	Punjab	6	-	4	-
18.	Rajasthan	20	-	3	-
19	Tamil Nadu	5	-	-	-
20.	Uttar Pradesh	38	-	1	-
21.	Uttaranchal	15	-	-	-
22.	West Bengal	51	-	2	-
	Sikkim(W.B. Circle)	3	-	-	-
	Total	404	24	-	-